



Catholic Distance University

Basic Certificate in Vatican II Program Objectives

Students who complete this program should be able to:

- Describe the history of Vatican Council II.
- Identify the structure and essential themes of the four major constitutions of Vatican II.
- Explain the role of the layperson in the Church and ways to exercise the mission given by reason of Baptism.
- Summarize the nature of Divine Revelation, its importance, and the role of Scripture and Tradition for the communication of Divine Revelation.
- Describe the historical context of *Gaudium et spes* and the Church's understanding of her response to bring the light received from God to the world that He may be glorified.
- Summarize the theology and principles of sacred worship in the Church in order to participate more authentically in the liturgy.
- Rediscover the beauty of the Faith as an intense relationship with Jesus Christ and to renew one's personal commitment to a Gospel-centered spirituality.